

Michigan State Parks - Recreation 101 Events

Your Michigan state parks and recreation areas offer so much to do you won't know where to start! That's why we created the "**GO-Get Outdoors**" Recreation 101 series of events. These programs have been designed to help you get started with fishing, hiking, biking, paddling, horseback riding and more. This list is just a few of the events you can experience with your family or on your own. So, gather 'round the campfire and start planning for your best summer yet!

Fishing 101

June 12-13

Free Fishing Weekend

For two weekends each year (Winter/Summer), anyone can fish without a license.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/fishing.

Saturday, June 12

Kids Free Fishing Pond
Baraga State Park

Free Fishing Festival
Bay City State Recreation Area

Youth Fishing Contest
Cheboygan Field Office

Free Fishing Weekend
Clear Lake State Park

Free Fishing Event
Onaway State Park

Fishing Clinic
Otsego Lake State Park

Spring Fishing Derby
Seven Lakes State Park

Kid's Fishing Tournament
Young State Park

Tuesday evenings, June 15-August 15

Fishing in the Park-Fishing Frenzy Program
Holland State Park

Saturday, August 7

Hook'n Up Hero's Fishing Event
Newaygo State Park

Fitness 101

Wednesday, June 16

Water Skiing Class
Dodge #4 State Park

Saturday, June 19

Health & Safety Days
Bay City State Recreation Area

Saturday, June 26

Beach Wellness Volleyball Tournament
Bay City State Recreation Area

Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27

Soccer in the Sand
Grand Haven State Park

Late June-mid August

Yoga in the Parks
Charles Mears State Park

Saturdays, July-August

Yoga on the Beach
P.H. Hoeft State Park

Saturday, August 7

5K Run/Walk
Newaygo State Park

Pilates in the Park

Holland State Park
Call for details

Yoga Classes

Otsego Lake State Park
Call for details

Geo-caching 101**Saturday, August 28**

Geocacheathon
P.H. Hoeft State Park

Saturday, September 18

Geocaching in the Keweenaw
Fort Wilkins State Park

Kayaking 101**Saturday, June 12**

Intro to Canoeing & Kayaking
Clear Lake State Park

Intro to Kayaking
Waterloo Recreation Area
Mears State Park

Paddle Demo
Mitchell State Park

Kayak Paddle
Port Crescent State Park

Saturday June 19

Intro to Kayaking
Sleepy Hollow State Park

ORV/ATV 101

Saturday-Sunday, September 11-12

Bombardier ATV Demo Rides
Silver Lake State Park

Outdoor Cooking 101

Saturday, June 19

Campers Chili Cook-Off
Seven Lakes State Park

Saturday, August 14

Pamper the Campers Cook-Out
Seven Lakes State Park

Saturday, August 28

One Pot Potluck Cook-off
Leelenau State Park

Saturday, September 11

One Pot Potluck Cook Off
Traverse City State Park

Outdoor Explorer Guide Programs

June - September

Sleepy Hollow State Park

Saturday, June 19

Explore the Outdoors
Bewabic State Park

June 25-26

Explorer Weekend
Harrisville State Park

Outdoor Skills 101

Saturdays, June 12, 19 and 26

Outdoor Skills Program
Onaway State Park

Saturday, June 19

Beach Survival Challenge
Grand Haven State Park

Saturday, June 26

Becoming an Outdoors Woman
Island Lake Recreation Area

Saturday, July 24

Outdoor Photography Clinic
P. J. Hoffmaster State Park

Thursday, August 19

Starry Nights
P. J. Hoffmaster State Park

Saturday, August 21

Rifle River Survivor
Rifle River Recreation Area

Sunday, September 12

Fall Mount Baldy Hill Climb
Silver Lake State Park

Family Outdoor Events

June to Labor Day

Barry County Transit Authority Trolley Tours
Yankee Springs Recreation Area

Saturday, June 12

Car Show
South Higgins Lake State Park

Go Fly a Kite
Rifle River Recreation Area

Saturday, June 19

Wooden Boat Show
Presque Isle Harbor

Family Fun Day
Straits State Park

Sunday, July 4

4th of July Bike Parade
Traverse City State Park

Saturday, July 17

Sand Sculpture Contest
Petoskey State Park

River Hawk Rumble
Proud Lake Recreation Area

Saturday-Sunday, July 24-25

Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival
Seven Lakes State Park

Saturday, August 7

Motorcycle Show/Poker Run
Newaygo State Park

Saturday-Sunday, August 7-8

Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival
Bay City State Recreation Area

Friday, August 13

Sand Sculpture Contest
Charles Mears State Park

Saturday, August 14

Dinosaur Egg Hunt
Pinckney Recreation Area

Waterfront Games
Straits State Park

Saturday, August 21

Hee Haw Hoedown
Bay City State Recreation Area

Saturday, August 28

Hootenanny
Proud Lake Recreation Area

Saturday, September 4

Talent Show
Wilderness State Park

Monday, September 6

Labor Day Bridge Walk
Traverse City State Park

Saturday, September 11

Bluegrass Bonfire
Pinckney Recreation Area

Fall Harvests and Haunts

More than 75 events take place throughout the fall to give your family the opportunity to experience the outdoors while enjoying the last days of summer with fall harvests, hayrides and hauntingly good times. Stay tuned for the announcement of Fall Festivals and other events taking place at your Michigan state parks and recreation areas.

These are just some of the great outdoor events available for you or your family at Michigan state parks and recreation areas. For a complete list of events, visit www.michigan.gov/dnrgogetoutdoors.